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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

THROUGH : Chief, Operations School

SUBJECT : Course Report, CS Records I #5-71
11 & 12 March 1971

25X1A Student Body

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25X1A 2. [REDACTED], CI/Records Management Officer,

25X1A audited the course. [REDACTED], OTR/ISS/ITB, also attended the course as a first step towards possible programmed instruction in the subject.

Course Conduct and Content

3. There were no changes in either the curriculum or the manner of presentation.

Speakers

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[REDACTED] In each instance he tied his example firmly to some aspect of CS Records. There were a number of questions on the [REDACTED] case which he dealt with clearly and concisely. Given a group of this kind, we could hardly have had a more effective opening speaker.

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5. All other speakers were our regular representatives. [REDACTED], DDP/Records Management Staff, was taken ill. The Chief Instructor filled in for him.

Student Critiques

6. These will be made part of the CS Records II element, given to the students at the time when they are about to begin their interim desk assignment.

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Chief Instructor's Comment

7. This class served two purposes. On the one hand it provided the CS Records element which is required for OFC, allowing us to teach a smaller and more manageable group than would have been the case if they had been included with the rest at [REDACTED] on the following week. On the other hand it provided the foundation for CS Records II, which these students will receive after OFC, just before their interim desk assignment.

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8. Several of the students asked probing questions, particularly about whether or not CIA "keeps files on American citizens." We were helped to some extent here by students who had served either in Security, Central Reference, or on area desks, and who helped to thrash out the matter during the breaks. Aside from the obvious parallel with current publicity about Army investigations, the problem seems to have been that many of the external CTs assumed CIA to be a single unit. When this was finally explained, and we could make clear that the CS is a separate element within the Agency, with records which are available only to CS personnel for operational purposes, the rest of the course went through with little difficulty.

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Chief Instructor

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